

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Examiner: Geoffrey T. Evans
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NORIHITO NAITO ET AL.)	Group Art Unit: 2852
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Application No: 10/528,341)	Confirmation No: 4346
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Filed: November 18, 2005)	
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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS,)	
CARTRIDGE, AND STORING	:	
DEVICE MOUNTED TO THE)	
CARTRIDGE	:	April 7, 2009

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION-OF-SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the March 16, 2009 Election-of-Species Requirement, Applicants elect with traverse Embodiment 1. Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14-16, 18, 19, 21-23, 25, 26, 28, 29 and 31 are readable on the elected species.

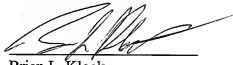
In addition, Applicants respectfully request that the Election-of-Species Requirement be withdrawn. It is submitted that it would not be an undue burden for one Examiner to search all the species, since the searches for the species would overlap, and a duplicative search by two Examiners may possibly produce inconsistent results. Therefore, in the interest of prosecution

quality and economy, both for the Office and Applicants, withdrawal of the election-of-species requirement is respectfully solicited.

Any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. L. Klock', is written over a horizontal line.

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